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SUBJ: MALAYSIAN DELEGATES TO JUNE 4 ILO MEETING

1. FOLLOWING IS LIST OF MALAYSIAN DELEGATES REPRESENTING GOVERNMENT, LABOR AND MANAGEMENT WHO WILL ATTEND ILO CONFERENCE IN GENEVA BEGINNING JUNE 4.

A) LEADING GOM DELEGATION IS LABOR AND MANPOWER
MIN LEE SAN CHOON (SURNAME: LEE). OTHER MEMBERS ARE DIR-GEN
OF FACTORIES AND MACHINERY, ABDUL AZIZ BIN AHMAD AND DEP
REGISTRAR OF TRADE UNIONS, V. NITHIANTHAN.

B) LEADING WORKERS' DELEGATION IS MALAYSIAN
TRADES UNION CONGRESS (MTUC) SEC-GEN S.J.H. ZAIDI, WHO ALREADY
IN GENEVA ATTENDING ILO GOVERNING BODY MEETING. OTHER
MEMBERS ARE MTUC PRES. P.P. NARAYANAN, MTUC VICE PRESIDENTS
V. DAVID AND MRS. JOHN GURUSAMY, AND COUNCIL MEMBER C.
PARAMESWARAN. MRS. GURUSAMY IS FIRST WOMAN TO REPRESENT
MALAYSIAN WORKERS AT ILO.

C) LEADING MANAGEMENT DELEGATION IS MALAYSIAN
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN, SENATOR TAN SRI
GAN TECK YEOZR(SURNAME: GAN). OTHER MEMBER IS ASSOCIATION
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2. BEGIN LOU: COMMENT: FACT THAT ALL WORKERS' DELEGATES
ARE ETHNIC INDIANS REFLECTS UNREPRESENTATIVENESS OF MTUC
LEADERSHIP WHICH HAS FEW HIGH-RANKING MALAYS
OR CHINESE. THUS, MTUC'S CLOUT WITH GOVT AND A NUMBER OF LABOR
UNIONS REPRESENTING LARGELY MALAY WORKERS IS LIMITED. IT HAS
ALSO BEEN CHARGED THAT MTUC'S INDIAN "ELITE" IS INTERESTED
ONLY IN ATTENDING INTL MEETINGS AT EXPENSE OF DOMESTIC
ACTIVITIES. MANAGEMENT AND GOVT DELEGATIONS ARE UNNOTEWORTHY,
BUT USDEL MAY FIND LAB MIN LEE SAN CHOON A FRIENDLY
AND USEFUL CONTACT.
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